



The Nurse-Family Partnership National Service Office (NFP NSO) is pleased to support the DSHS Nurse-Family Partnership as one of 22 implementing agencies in Texas in their applications for the FY21 competitive grant for Nurse-Family Partnership Program Services RFA No.HHS0007919 from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Since implementation of NFP under the DSHS of Houston, TX we acknowledge your program has served **1260** high risk eligible first-time pregnant mothers to date and maintained model fidelity (prior to the pandemic, when in-person visits were discontinued). The NSO supports the local NFP Team for 2 supervisors, 2 AA/DC and 12 NHV's with capacity to reach 300 families across Harris County. Nurses provide NFP Clients with comprehensive screening of risks across the continuum of services from pregnancy until child age 2. We want to applaud the local NFP Teams for serving over 255 Clients during the pandemic and providing them with **2520** critical service linkages during this time noncharitable Services, Education, Health, Dental, Mental health, food Stamps, WIC, unemployment etc. during this time of increased need. In addition, during the pandemic, City of Houston NFP has rendered **2766** total encounters and 713 were in-person and **2053** were telehealth encounters providing timely and sensitive touchpoints during the pandemic for Houston's high-risk families.

The NFP NSO acknowledges the City of Houston NFP agency as having the following strengths related to improving Health Outcomes for Women/Maternal/Infants as indicated by these local cumulative data measures:

- 37% of Clients are Hispanic with 10% Primary Spanish Speaking
- 61% of Clients are Black or African American
- 75% of Clients utilize Medicaid at the time of enrollment
- 80% of Clients utilize WIC at time of enrollment
- 57% of all Referrals come from WIC and 51% convert to actively enroll in NFP
- Enroll prior to the end of 16-weeks XX% of all clients served
- 1% of Clients Repot Smoking at 36 Weeks
- 67% Reduction in Rates for using alcohol in pregnancy
- 39% Reduction in Reported Experience of IPV
- 13.5% PTB Overall & 16.4% PTB Among Black Mothers
- 14.2% LBW Overall & 17.6% LBW Among Black Mothers
- 84% Retention of Client in Pregnancy
- 68% Retention of Dyads in Infant
- 84% Retention of Toddlers



- 71% of Expected Pregnancy Visits are Completed
- 62% of Expected Infancy Visits are Completed
- 64% of Expected Toddler Visits are Completed
- 1% Miscarriage/Fetal/Infant/Maternal Death Rates since 2014
- Service Linkage for Client Mental Health Services is XX%
- Service Linkages for Health Texas Women is provided to TP 40 Moms within 60-days postpartum
- 89% Breast Feeding Initiation
- 97% of Children up to date on Immunizations
- 72% of Children Have had Testing for Lead Exposure
- 70% of children Completed ASQ Screening
- 92% of children Completed ASQ-SE screening
- 28% of Clients have a Sub Pg. by Child Age 2
- 20% Increase in Workforce among 18 Y/O's from Intake Until child Age 2
- 4% TANF Usage at Child Age 24 Mos.
- 36% Usage for Food Stamps at child Age 24 Mos.
- 18 weeks gestation is the median at client enrollment

Successful replication of Nurse-Family Partnership as an evidence-based home visitation program is dependent upon a commitment to program quality as well as creative and sensitive adaptability to serving the population and adoption of more recent innovations such as:

- ✓ Telehealth
- ✓ Goal Mama
- ✓ STAR Framework
- ✓ Serving Youth in Foster Care

We remain committed to partnering with you to collaborate with you is supporting your local Nurse-Family Partnership program in your community.

Sincerely,

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